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## **Praying Knight Comes Home**

Cambridge, MA—

The City got exciting news recently. A valuable 3 foot tall bronze sculpture by renowned Arlington sculptor Cyrus Dallin was recovered in Somerville. The sculpture "Praying Knight," also known as the "Modern Crusader", commemorates 11 fallen Cambridge students who served in World War I. Dallin also designed the MFA's iconic sculpture of a Sioux Chief on horseback, "Appeal to the Great Spirit".

"Praying Knight", which had graced the Trowbridge Street entrance to CRLS for nearly 50 years since its 1930 dedication, disappeared during the late 1970s reconstruction of Cambridge Rindge and Latin. The sculpture was designated to return to the new building after renovation but somehow went missing.

The Cambridge School Department and the Cyrus Dallin Museum in Arlington were pleased to report its recovery, and are grateful for the hard work of the Cambridge Police Department in aiding its return. Plans will soon be made to restore it to the high school campus.

"This points out the great responsibility that the city has for its valuable art work, objects that must be protected during construction and restoration." said Mayor Henrietta Davis. "We'll soon have to make arrangements at the Martin Luther King School." Pieces there include a Martin Luther King Memorial sculpture by Vusumuzi Maduna depicting the civil rights struggle, a tiled mosaic, and a social justice mural designed and executed by students in collaboration with David Fichter, which will be stored when that school is under construction (the decision is soon to be made)."

"Plans are underway by the city's Arts Council in conjunction with the school community to protect these items and to design reinstallations when construction is done. As for the Dallin sculpture," Davis said, "now is the time to celebrate the return of the "Praying Knight" to its rightful home. We'll see to it that he comes home to the appropriate fanfare and rededication, probably in the fall," said Davis.

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